



ARMY WORLDWIDE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

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EPA's Role

- **EPA's Role: Setting environmental standards and enforcing environmental laws**
- **Since 1993 or so, EPA has made a concerted effort to assist regulated entities in complying with environmental requirements**
- **EPA and Federal Agencies have common goals:**
 - Providing employees and general public with a safe and healthy environment
 - Compliance with all environmental requirements while carrying out each agency's mission





EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Internet Compliance Assistance Centers**
 - **10 on-line compliance assistance centers**
(www.assistancecenters.net)
 - >> Auto service and repair, paintings and coatings, local government, etc.
 - **FedSite – Opened Feb. 2000** (www.epa.gov/fedsite)
 - >> Virtual tour, links to state and federal agency environmental sites, links to training resources, demonstration project descriptions
- **Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse (opening Dec. 2000)**
 - Comprehensive collection of compliance assistance materials & assistance contacts



EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Environmental Management Reviews (EMRs)**
 - Over 65 EMRs conducted by EPA at Federal facilities to date
 - Army (5), Navy (2), Air Force (1), Marine Corps (0), DLA (1), USACOE (3), and USCG (2)
 - Findings:
 - Environmental considerations are incorporated into most planning processes
 - Staff(s) are committed to protecting the environment
 - Staff(s) routinely review their facility's environmental performance
 - Facilities lack formal EMSs
 - Agencies lack adequate environmental staff and training funds
 - Lessons learned are not shared among facilities



EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Army Environmental Management Reviews**

- Ethan Allen Firing Range (VT), Cold Region Research Labs (NH), Walter Reed Medical Center (DC), U.S. Military Academy (NY) and Sierra Army Depot (CA)
- USMA West Point EMR Results:
 - >> Revised contracts to hold contractors more accountable on environmental matters
 - >> Changed SOPs to ensure all projects are evaluated for environmental consequences (improved NEPA review too)
 - >> Individual POC identified for corrective actions
 - >> Environmental Awareness class developed & given





EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Sector Facility Indexing Project**
(www.epa.gov/oeca/sfi)
 - 300+ federal facilities to be included by March 2001
 - Facility–level information compliance & inspection history, TRI releases, spills, demographics
 - Industry uses SFIP to benchmark facilities against one another
- **Environmental audit protocols - search:**
(www.epa.gov/oeca)
 - 13 protocols for thorough and comprehensive audits by media (RCRA generators, RCRA TSDFs, SDWA, PCBs, and others)



EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Department of Interior Compliance Assistance Initiative (FY 98-99)**
 - EMS review of National Park Service (report issued August 2000)
 - Regional EPA - DOI Pilot Projects
- **Interagency E.O. 13148 (Environmental Management) workgroup**
 - Subworkgroups organized to work on (1) EMS activities and (2) priority chemical use reduction



EPA Compliance Assistance

- **FedEnviroNews Online – a Listserv on environmental news for federal facilities**
 - To be launched this fall/winter
- **Federal Facilities Roundtable**
- **Environmental Compliance Status Reports**
 - Summary of data reported to EPA about compliance and non-compliance
 - Reports issued quarterly by EPA to federal agencies
 - Reports expected to be issued electronically in FY2002



EPA Compliance Assistance

- **Conference and Workshops**
 - Support environmental conferences sponsored by agencies
 - EPA Regional conferences and workshops





EPA Compliance Assistance

- **EPA Regional Federal Facilities Points of Contact:**

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2 Ways to Ensure Compliance With Environmental Laws

- **Avoid pollution**
 - Seek alternative products and change processes
 - >> EMSs useful in identifying impacts and reengineering opportunities
 - >> Silver wastes
 - >> Mercury
- **Conduct regular compliance audits and follow-up all audit result**
 - Consider using EPA's Audit Policy to reduce penalties for violations